

Milford Conservation Commission**MCC Meeting Minutes December 11, 2014****7:00 BOS Meeting Room**

Present: Members- Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Andy Hughes, V Chair; Hub Seward, Janet Urquhart, Kim Rimalover, Andy Seale, excused. Alternates- Eric Radloff, Greg Boggis, Chris Costantino. Public- Mike Sebas, Trails Committee. Suzanne Fournier.

Approval of November meeting minutes**Appointment**

7:15 – 17 Lincoln Street Tom Quinn and Susan Robinson . TQuinn presented information to support his request that the commission recommend to the BOS to provide a Release Deed for the filled section of 17 Lincoln Street. Fill was added to the pond-side edge of the property as a result of the Railroad Pond dredging project. Currently, this portion of the property has a corner of the garage on it and a small shed. The landowners are willing to put an easement on this section of the property for future potential access needs of the town. This property has a 50' buffer to protect Railroad Pond. On a motion by JanetU, seconded by AndyH, the commission recommended that the BOS provide a Release Deed with the condition that the landowner put an easement on the filled section of the property. The commission was in support 4 – 1.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. 4 th Saturday hike	<ul style="list-style-type: none">November 22 – Rotch There were 6 people and a dog to hike Rotch. Viewed the beaver dam and device.2015 Schedule<ul style="list-style-type: none">January –Tucker Brook – KimRFeb – Mayflower/Patch Hill – JanetUMarch – Souhegan River West – AndyHApril – Souhegan River East - ChrisC	
2. Hitchiner Gates	There are combo locks on the gate and chains. AndyH will close and lock the gate when there is snow cover to keep cars from getting stuck. Once the snow melts, he will unlock the gate. He will make signs posting the gate open hours once the weather permits.	
3. Tucker Brook Town Forest Timber Harvest	Logging is complete. The landing is still being worked. A site visit is scheduled for December 14 at 3:00 to view the results. Mike Sebas, an abutter as well as the trail manager for Tucker Brook, expressed his deep regret for the timber harvest and will push harder in the future to discourage the commission from ever doing this kind of a timber harvest again on any of the town forests.	Chris will send a reminder email to the members
4. Merging Rotch Properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BOS approved the merger on Nov 14.The commission, on a motion by JanetU seconded by Eric, unanimously accepted the newly installed beaver flow device at the Rotch beaver dam.	Chris will write a memo to the BOS documenting this
5. Beavers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Devices on Rail Trail – installed and working. We will wait until spring for Skip Lisle to install the device at the Rock Marsh culvert	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chris to send a copy of the document to Kim and post in

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Device at Rotch – installed and working • Beaver Policy Review – the commission would prefer that this document be Guidelines rather than a Policy. AndyH and KimR will work on this document 	<p>dropbox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AndyH and KimR will have a draft for review at the January worksession. • Audrey will edit the letter from Skip Lisle which will be posted on Facebook and the website
6. Trails Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Hawkins, trails committee chair, would like to know of any storm damage that needs to be addressed by the trails committee. 	
7. Mile Slip Easement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audrey has drafted an easement based on a model by the New England Forestry Foundation. 	
8. Interns over Christmas break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh Clemens, Eagle Scout who constructed the boat launch at Kaley Park • Kelly Harrington, Business and Environmental Programs major will work with Rec and the commission. • Audrey and Chris met with Josh to discuss potential projects: emergency location signs along the Rail Trail, an interpretive trail along the Rail Trail, updating the conservation lands database. Kelly Harrington will be working with the Rec department as well. She is coming in to meet with Arene Berry, Rec, and me next Friday, Dec. 19. • Greg suggested that the interns talk with the Historical Society for historical input to be incorporated into the interpretive trail 	

Work session

9. Event Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 15 – Audrey meets with the BOS at 6:15 • December 17 – Audrey meets with the Budget Advisory Committee around 7:15 	Chris will send a reminder email to the members
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<p>10. Interdepartmental Review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Meadows – We will schedule a site walk, perhaps coordinate with the Planning Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Install preseeded wattles, ○ sidewalks (urban trail), ○ there is potential to make a trail connection through Lull Farm from the Westchester/Ridgefield Drive neighborhood to the rail trail; ○ dry access to the open space which is primarily wetland for monitoring purposes. ○ Keep as many trees as possible to reduce impact to the wetland functions on the property ○ Keep the wetland and buffers out of the house lots • Getty application to install overhead canopies over the pump. The commission thinks that it would improve the aesthetics of the site, but had no environmental 	
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Next Regular Meeting – January 8, 2015 @ 7PM, Selectmen's Meeting Room.